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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 19, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments to the claims and to consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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